ASTHETIC SMOKING.

A SMOKER ANALYZES THE FUN HE GETS OUT OF A CIGAR.

The Pleasure of the Weed Is Received Through the Eyes-The Poetry of Holding a Cigar Between the Lips-The Finer Sensations of the Habit Described.

Almost all men smoke with their eyes though few of them know it. They do not light the cigar with their eyes, though often poems refer to eyes, usually some girl's, as bright enough for that purpose; but the real enjoyment of smoking comes through the eyes and the touch. It seems to be commonly thought that the senses of taste and smell are those which are most affected by tobacco, and those which alone make a man enjoy tobacco, but this is not correct. Of course a man may taste a cigar, just as he may taste a piece of leather or a piece of wood, but, unless he chews, the taste of tobacco is no more pleasing than the taste of leather or wood; rather, on the contrary, it is sickening. Then men think they can tell about eigers from their odor, but in reality they tell about them from their appearance and their feel.

There are many men who hold a cigar in their mouths and roll it around without smoking it. Some of them bite it and others clew it, but the number who hold it between their teeth or roll it around between their lips is greater. That is usually the way with an old smoker. When the cigar is lighted he has a certain particular place for it, and certain teeth between which the cigar rests. With some men it is front teeth, with others the incisors, and some men shift their cigars away back. DELIGITS OF A DRY SMOKE.

is seldom that two men hold their cigars in their moushs in just the same way and at the same angle. There are as many ways and angles of holding cigars as there are men who smoke them.

There is where a great deal of the satis-faction of smoking comes in. The nerves faction of smooting comes in. The nerves of touch of the lips are as keen and sensi-tive as those of any part of the body, there is no hard cuticle to dull them. The lips are full of sensitive blood vessels and sensitive nerves. They curve, arch, straighten, be-come hard, are drawn, and conform to every emotion of the mind and to every thought. Most smokers have mobile lins The hard mouthed man seldom becomes a victim of the smoking habit. He may smoke occasionally because others do, or he may chew, but he misses one of the greatest enjoyments of a cigar. These blood vessels and these nerves in the lips are near the brain. The contact of the cignr with them goes at once to the brain. That feeling and the sight of the smoke are soothing; it is not the taste and the

One of the greatest differences between good and poor cigars is in the wrapper. It is the wrapper which comes in contact with the lips. A good wrapper is soft-softer than velvet or down; it is like flossy silk. It does not feel this way to the palm of the hand nor when elinehed tightly between the lips, but when held between the toeth the lips touch it and caress it like an imprinted kiss.

VALUE OF SIGHT.

To a greater extent does smoking appeal to the eyes. Try to smake in a dark room and the enjoyment at once decreases, and it is hard to tell the difference between a good and a bad cigar. It is hard even for man who is accustomed to smoking to tell whether his cigar is lit or not except by looking at the coal on the end. If the man keeps his eyes closed and does not see the coal it is easy to deceive him. would not apply to a man who had never smoked before, but to a man who is accustomed to smoking—sud to such alone are the joys of the smoker. A sight of the smoke and the cigar is necessary. It is the smoke and the glow which appeal to the the contrast between the different shades of brown in the cigar, the cherry of the burning tobacco and the grayish ash, with the thinner gray of the smoke chapeit goes through the air-it is these that make the visions, the quiet, and the placidity which are the charges of amorine The fact that a cigar appeals both to the

touch and sight accounts for the difference in the sensation of smoking a pipe, a cigar and a cigarettee. The touch of the three s different. The same tobacco may be in the pipe and in the chear which is in the cigarette, but it does not smoke the same way, and it does not have the same effect on the smoker. There is not the same feeling to the lips, and there is not the appeal to the touch nerves. Both the sight and the touch of a eligirette are so different that it cannot be considered with a pipe or a

There are several lessons to be learned from these facts about smoking which are clear to every one as soon as he thinks not thought about, as they go on enjoying their habit without reflecting about the reasons for the enjoyment. One of them in a deliberate, thoughtful and philosophi-

THE CHOICE OF A CIGAR. A cigar is more than a brown roll of tobacco simply, as that it may oring prout to the dealer and enjoyment to the eye simply, as that it may bring profit through its symmetry and color, but its force is potential. It has to be burned to A smoker should always look at the cigar in arranging their boxes open in glass quality, price, brand, color and grade go boxes. They would also keep better that he should look over eigar after eigar until some particular climar appeals to him. It is the same way with a box. No two eigers on one: there is a little tear of the cover, a

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change in the convolutions of the filler, the binder and the wrapper as they are exnosed to view before the match is applied Notice these little points in cigars and pick out one that has some little point that you particularly notice. Some men prefer ci ars with yellow spots, others prefer a hard oking cigar, others a loose cigar, and so on. The preference is not material, the pleasing of the eye is. When a selection isfactory to the eye has been made the start at least to a good smoke is assured. Always look at the cigar before lighting it. Turn it around in your fingers and look at light it, not by sticking it in a flame or by poking it in a small globe, but by lighting piece of paper, stick or match and hold Do not put the clear in your onth and poke your face into a flame. ly what is going on; but take a light and notice the flame as it goes to the cigar. The smoke begins to curl before the eyes the lips fit around the eigar like a mould Toen an enjoyable smoke has begun .-New York Sun.

Engraving on Steel. Here is another thing which many people do not know. There are hundreds of national banks in the United States, each of which issues bills bearing its name. An assortment of these hills will show fre quent repetitions of the pertraits of Lin

coln, Grant, Stanton and other prominent Take another bill and carefully compar thee we impressions of the same head. Do you notice any difference! See that you have a strong light—daylight is best Compare all the little dots and lines. Yes, they are identical. Well, the engraving of one of these portraits is a very expensive affair, and no matter bow skillful the en-

graver he could not make a second plate which would be identical with the first. This is the way in which the several heads happen to be exact counterparts Many years ago Jacob Perkins discovered a way of so softening steel that it could be cut as easily as copper. After the work was done upon a soft steel plate he hard-ened it. Up to his time copper only had been used for engraving purposes so far as illustrative work was concerned.

After one of the fine heads (employing this method) is engraved upon the soft steel the plate is hardened to its utmost It is then put on the bed of a powerful transfer press, and over it is placed a reli of soft steel which is passed backward and forward under a pressure of twenty tons. This forces the soft steel into the lines of the hardoned plate, and the result is a reverse in high relief on the roll of the engraved portrait where the lines were cut into the metal. The roll is hardened and the portrait is then capable of

being transferred-that is, rolled-inte numberless soft steel plates. So, you see, the exact similarity is easily ecounted for, since it is obtained mechanically. The same means are resorted to with regard to the ornamental lathe work

and other geometric figures.

A Veteran Journalist on Newspapers. The most obvious faults of the daily ewspaper of the present day are its inne curacy and its partisan unfairness. From these fallings the magazine is at least tolness of statement, its disregard of truth and its often willful perversion of facts that fair minded men saccessions. that fair minded men sometimes say that they find more satisfaction in reading the journals of the party to which they are opposed than in those of their own political No man can be certain that he has found the truth anywhere in the newspo pers until it has been affirmed by a major tv of them all.

If the monthly magazine ever be laily newspaper let us hope that its first and last purpose in life will be to tell the whole truth accurately. In the feverish race to "distance all contemporaries" the daily metropolitan journal too often throws decency and discretion to the winds. Things have finally come to such a pass that none of these will believe the others. They are all busy in the discrediting of each other's news, denying the accuracy of each other's reports and undervaluing the enterprises of every one but one-their own urnal. In such a state of things what can be expected of the general public, look-ing on at the jealous contention from the outside? Is not the impartial observer empted to say, as he often does, " men, you tell the truth about each other! -Noah Brooks in Forum.

To Arrest Decaying Teeth. Mildred wants advice about the teeth. She is 35, and her teeth were neglected when young, are irregular, which she suposes cannot be helped, and are decaying st decay? Certainly.

ficial ones. Is there anything that will ar charcoal for the stomach daily, brush the eith with it till they become white, which will take a week, perhaps; then use pre pared chalk and a good tooth wash for insing the teeth after meals. Eat only rend of entire wheat flour, as that supplies the phosphates for bones and teeth, and use cracked wheat as a vegetable freely. It is as good as rice in every way. There is a candy for children mixed with phosphates which is said to have a good effect on the teeth, and is of benefit to older

persons, as I can vouch. Whether very strict care of health and diet would result in improvement and new growth of the materials of the teeth, as some dentists say has occurred, is a ques tion, but the advantage in every other way would be so great the experiment is worth trying. It certainly ought to arrest de-Acidity of the stomach ruins teeth. and if this can be prevented crumbling teeth will last a long time. - Shirley Dare.

Cheap Footgear.

It is not to be wondered at that people ny cheap shoes. They resemble so closely finished apparently faultlessly, lustrou and shapely, they are disappointingly de Mr ny women buyers are far more exacting in the mat! - of a scrapulous fit,

atonement for the wreck which speedily follows the wearing of it.-Shoe and Leather Reporter. Bottle Screw. I have often heard this word applied to ocket corkscrews, and should

doubt the term being obsolete. As an in stance of its use let me refer to the amus ing story, "The Fatal Boots," by W. M. Thackeray, published originally in one of the earlier "comic almanaes," which con tain much excellent work by George Cruikshank. The date might be about 1839. Robert Stubbs presents one of these useful articles to his father, who says. "Thanks for thy bottle screw, lad; it shall open us a bottle of the best."-Notes and Queries.

Value of Stokers versus Boiler Tubes. It has been proposed to put safety valves racers, so that the air can automatically escape when the pressure is so great that the boiler tubes and grate burs are in danger. If a safety valve were introduced that would blow off when the stokers are in danger there would be much collapse among those useful hands, and much less difficulty in securing each trip men who are willing and able to go through the fiery ordeal that stoking involves.-New York Commercial Advertiser

Gasoline as a Wine Cooler. Talking about gasoline, a group of oil operators agreed that its dangers had not been painted half dark enough. In describing its volatile powers one of them said that a bottle of wine runbed briskly with a gasoline saturated towel would be cooled completely as if it had been frozen in ice.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A Better Plan. Indette-Yes, I'm getting tired of this single life. I think I'll get married and settle down. Merritt-What's the matter with setthing up first!-Lawrence American.

Cold Blooded. "She jilted me for that fellow Jim when we were three days out from Liverpool. Threw you overboard in midocean? Barbarous "-Harper's Bazar

Turning the Tables. Young Parson-Agnes, will you marry

Acnes-I am very sorry, Mr. Foster, but I can't. I'll tell you, though-you can marry me. Juck and I are going to anthe higher priced ones, both in form and apparent quality, that the masses are led to believe that ther are se good as they

FLOUR DEPOT.

the young husbands were larger than I am they might punch my head. My gravity wheat flour at their agency in this city. Send for unset however when I turned the corner On the steps of one of the brick cottages orro WEISS, Agent, 25 N Main, Wichita. stood a group to which neither the artist's pencil nor the writer's pen could do full

Willful Suicide.

"I want to die," he said, "and yet I am afraid to take my own life." the white gown with pink ribbons affected He worked it, however, so that he got a position as umpire in a game between two ocal nines and the coroner brought in a skirt, and the most hideously ugly bull verdict of willful suicide. - Exchange.

What Killed His Town. infant, a yelp from the buil pup and an in-At Fort Scott I met an acquaintance whom I knew had gone further west to articulate little gurgle from the young found a future city, and naturally enough I made inquiries as to how he progressed down the stops as if propelled from a cata-

in his enterprise.

"Promised to be the biggest thing on earth." be replied. You were to have three railroad lines?"

"And four or five great factories were to be established?

"And there was to be an avenue name

after every state!" "And four different street car lines were to be in operation within a year?"

"Two banks, two colleges, four churches, a union depot, a city hall, two opera-houses and a government building were

on your list for early completion?" "Well, what have you done?" "Not a blamed thing.

"Not even made a beginning."
"No. I was going to buy 500 acres of land for the site, but while the owner was getting an abstract of title a man came along with a rotary washing machine, offered me four county rights for \$10 and a shotgun, and I killed the town and saved the machine man from going to a pauper's grave. I've got feelings, I have. When I see a man struggling to make an honest living, but meeting adversity at every turn, my feelings force me to stretch out a helping hand and let this great and glorious west paddle her own canoe."-

"Dear me," said a young woman who was reading a newspaper, "here's an item telling how a Chicago girl dropped dead in her tracks. "Well," commented the young woman from St. Louis, "beaven knows she had

every evening, with one exception, for a room."-Washington Post. That evening it rained. When I stepped on the platform from "Why so downcast?" 'I lost a magnificent umbrella yester-

the elevated train I functed that there must be a feminine convention of some sort in progress. I never before saw so many young women in machintoshes in one place at the same time. Each grasped so un-brella, and each year evolutily mailing for



CONJUGAL FELICITY FEARLESSLY AND

Allan Forman Tells How Mamma, Hope-

ful and the Bull Pup Wait for Pape

Nightly at the Foot of the Elevated

[Special Correspondence.]
NEW YOUR, July 14.—Rt has sometimes

New 101.8, July 14—18 has sometimes been a matter of conjecture to me as to what becomes of all the young married people. We see that rash youths and trustful maidens are committing matrimony every day—not the same ones of course—but the "Married" column in the daily matters always seem to be pretty well filled.

papers always seem to be pretty well filled,

EACH WAITING FOR SOME ONE.

ed. We never fail to spot them on their

wedding trips; they are as plainly newly

married as if they had the fresh, crisp cer-tificate pinned on their collars. They re-

turn from the wedding journey-a most barbarous custom, by the way-and then

they drop out of sight as completely as if the earth had swallowed them up. I had

a dim, undefined notion that they suddenly burst into the state of ordinary, common-

place matrimony; that all the little out-ward signs which mark the young mar-

great flat buildings and tiny brick houses, all built in the latest style of architecture.

I thought nothing of it until the first even

ing as I got off of the elevated train at his

young men getting off at the same place. The most of them seemed eager, and were

evidently looking for some one. Half way down the stairs the youth just in front of

me was met by a good looking young wo-

An expression of ineffable bliss o'er-

spread the features of both, and oblivious of the fact that they were blocking the

way for some thirty or forty passengers, they kissed with much apparent satisfac-

tion. At the foot of the stairs two other young men were met by two other young

women, and they went through with sim-

Har performances. As we passed the first grocery two young women, who had evidently been on the watch, darted out and

paired off with two young men who had, down to that moment, wormthe expectant,

eager air of a man who is hunting for a

And so it kept up. We had quite a pro-

yet defiant air, which seems to say, "We

ourselves before an unsympathetic public, but we have a perfect right to do so if we

I was attacked with an almost uncon-trollable desire to laugh, and was only re-strained by the knowledge that it would

e impolite to do so, and that as several of

ustice. The young wife, an attractive look-

by young wives, the family pride, in the

shape of a chunk of a youngster about 3 or

4 years old, holding tightly to his mother's

pup I ever laid eyes on. The trio were

Suddenly there was a shrink from the

The bull pup and youngster came

ON THE REAL PROPERTY.

THE WOMAN, THE BOY AND THE PUP.

pult, and dashed past me yelping and acreaming. I turned to watch their mad

career, and mew their objective point in a young gentlemen who had just turned the

corner. The dog got there first, and the street resounded with his barking. The

youngster was a good second, however, and he was caught up and journeyed back

to the steps triumphantly perched on papa's shoulder. From the enthusiasm of

concluded that the head of the family must have just returned from a trip around the

world. But I discovered my mistake when I saw the same performance repeated

gazing up the street in eager expectancy.

are so disposed.

covery.

Books : and : Stationery, station. Then I casually remarked that there seemed to be an unusual number of

became as common mortals. But

Railroad Stairs.

Cuticura Anti-Pr in Plaster The

some one. There was a fair springing of maid servants, and these I noticed were provided with two umbrellas, and they did not wear the air of latense expectancy which characterized the majority of the gathering. The lady, the child and the bull pup were there, and the yelps, screams and gargles took place just as I was de-scending the stairs. Then I knew that papa had come, and a feeling of infinite peace stole through my being. I could not help sympathizing with such frank and fearless devotion.

As a matter of fact I can't see why young married people shouldn't "spoon" if they want to. I can see no objection to a man kissing his own wife if he is so inclined, and does not carry his public demonstra-tions of affection to an objectionable extent. When a man makes too many protestations of affection in public I always suspect him of being a brute in private. About a dozen years ago I was staying at a hotel in the Yosemite valley. The next room to mine was occupied by a married couple, and the partition between our rooms was only wall paper pasted on to two thicknesses of choese cloth. They did not know that, however. That man was in public the most devoted husband I ever saw. It was "Dearest" and "Darling" and "Sweetness" every time he spoke to his wife. He was regarded with admiring awe by all the married ladies in the hotel. But the way he used to bully that poor wife of his when he got her alone was a caution to girls contemplating matrimony.

One evening he was poculiarly abusive, and I coughed so as to lot him know that he was disturbing me. The next day he

left the hotel, and the room was given to two girls just out of bourding school. I was too modest to integrapt their confidences by giving them an imitation of a man in the last stages of consumption, and I therefore became the unwilling possessor of a vast amount of information concerning young men and women I had never be-fore heard of. So far as my own personal comfort was concerned, I wished that the married couple had remained.

ried couple during the honeymoon were dropped, and that to the casual observer The exhibition of overaffection is in as bud taste as the studied soldness which such is not the case. I have made a dissome of our wouldbe fushionables try to cultivate. I went to see some friends off A young friend of mine recently leased a flat in the upper part of this big city, on the corner of Tenth avenue and Harlem or thereabouts. After the struggle of movto Europe the other day, and witnessed the farewells of a couple who are bacging on the ragged edges of the Four Hundred, ing had been gone through with his wife took a week for rest and recuperation at her mother's, and he persuaded me to re-main the week with him, to alleviate his the fringe on the trousers of society, as it were. They were both very English in get up and both were paipably American. He was arrayed in a large checked, smuggled oneliness, as it were. I had noticed that suit, a flat rimmed derby hat and carried a big cane. He flattered himself that he the section of the city in which his flat was located was composed almost entirely of looked as if he had come direct from Los



don-New London, possibly. His wife was rather pretty, and I think she really wanted him to kiss her good by. But what did the great calf do? Merely grabbed her hand, swung it as if it had been a pump handle, said "Ta-ta," and marched down cession of palpably recently married people before we reached the first corner. the gangplank a glittering example of ow compicuous en ass a man can make orformances, the exhibition nightly given Mamma, the Hopeful and the bell pup in Harlem is the more human and there-

ore the less offensive. ALLAN FORMAN.

California Frotts. SAN PRANCISCO, July E .- Onnof the most opetizing things in this city at this season a visit to the fruit and vegetable markets In the latter about every concertable arti-cle in the "green goods" line is not only displayed in abundance, but is setempting the devotee at the vegetarian diet altaus to be positively fuscinating. And fruits especially of the benry, charry and peach families, are simply killing in more wage than one. Charries as image as ordinary eastern plums are examined in regular lay ors, with the biggest and best on top, in shallow, oblong forces. Page, spricets and peaches are displayer in enclass quantities ing young woman of 25 or 26, arrayed in

and of the finest qualities.

Blackberries, red raspherries and currents are abundant also. But the prices are not what one would expect them to be in such a fruit-growing state. The modern fruit shipping facilities are such that there is no such thing as a ghetted market What is not required for home consump tion is citizer sent such or else evalved into jams or cannot or dried for inture distribution. Consequently the growers are al ways sure of a market, and at paying prices

for all they can produce.

Hence fruit farming is one of the most certainly remunerative beauches of industry in Collifornia. Netwithstending the yearly increase in orchards and the sunn-lative proclivities of older trees the yield is never so great as to materially reduce its value. The demand for California figs and raisins and ounned fruits is growing more rapidly than the growth of orchards and extends over an over widening area. Californians have to pay about as much for such delicacies as do New Yorkers For this New Yorkers are not sorry.

The handling of the fruit crops here forms an extensive and profitable employment for armies of laborers as well as said themen or manipulators.

Comparatively few growers put their wn product on the market. Much of it is sold on the tree to shippers and packers, who buy orchards at a fixed price per box and gather the fruit themselves. This is especially the case with crunges. Then when the fruit is picked the calls chiefly find their way into home markets, the best yield being packed for pastern cities. But one advantage home commerc have is the fact that we get the fresher picked and true ripened article. The best matered fruit will not stand long shipment and is disposed of at home. Green figs will not ship, and when the reactions ripe fruit is plucked from the stem it fairly dissolves n one's mouth.

Mr. Cottagelove (from the fost of the stairs)-Can you come down, love? Mrs. Maj. Portly is here and wants to see you. Mrs. Cottagelove-On, I can't, deari Mr

Mr. Cottagelove-Pshawl that's just what's the marter with the buby's hair, and Mrs. Pert., is holding him now, - Bur

Then he transhed the Fly. Tuba, you made a missake playing that fly on your music for a demi-semignaver."

"All right. I'll make a note of it."—